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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Edward A. Hubbard  
Serial No.: 09/538,543  
Filed: March 30, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 2141  
Before the Examiner: Kenneth R. Coulter  
Title: DISTRIBUTED PARALLEL PROCESSING SYSTEM  
HAVING CAPABILITY-BASED INCENTIVES AND  
ASSOCIATED METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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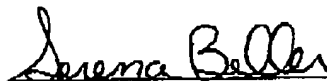
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 26, 2003 (Paper No. 7), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 26, 2003, and extended by a two month extension to August 26, 2003 by the petition and fee filed herewith, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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